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**Governors State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes, May 20, 2004**

Senators (Present = x):

<u> X </u> E. Alozie	<u> X </u> H. Heino	<u> </u> L. Proudfit
<u> </u> C. Brady	<u> X </u> M. Kasik	<u> X </u> W. Rudloff
<u> </u> D. Chung	<u> X </u> J. Klomes	<u> </u> A. Sanders
<u> </u> G. Cook	<u> </u> M. Leverence	<u> </u> J. Shen
<u> X </u> M. Dimitroff	<u> </u> J. Lingamneni	<u> X </u> N. Shlaes-recorder
<u> X </u> G. Garrett	<u> X </u> G. Lyon	<u> X </u> C. Tymkow
<u> </u> M. Graf	<u> </u> Z. Malik	<u> </u> B. Wilson
<u> X </u> B. Hansen-Shaw	<u> X </u> R. Muhammad	<u> </u> G. Wilson

Guests: Paul Keys (Provost), Lisa Hendrickson (Admissions), Paul Blobaum (EPC), Deborah Holdstein (CAS), Luci Sweder (COE), Marsh Katz (UPI), Virginia Eysenbach (PA)

There not being a quorum, Dimitroff requested that the reports begin before calling the meeting to order.

Reports

Provost Report (Keys)

Provost Keys reported that the first meeting of the Committee to Review Priorities, Productivity, and Accountability in Illinois Higher Education is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th. He has developed group email with all Illinois State Provosts, Sue Kaufman from UPI, and the Faculty Advisory Council. Holdstein discussed the history of the Graduate Council. The Council grew out of the North Central Accreditation Review, the Strategic Plan, and the Graduate Studies Steering Committee. The steering committee generated a report on Graduate Studies at GSU which recommended some mechanism to oversee graduate studies. Thus, the Graduate Council was established with its five subcommittees. Holdstein praised Blobaum for his participation on the Graduate Council. Holdstein wants to ensure that council feedback is imbedded within the university system. Discussion followed regarding Graduate Studies role in policy revision. Keys said Eric Martin was developing a flowchart to help clarify the process. Further discussion was tabled. The topic will be placed on the Executive Committee's next agenda.

University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)

Muhammad reported that the UCC has reviewed revised program reviews for the BA in Art, MA in Art, BA in Integrative Studies, BA in Communications, MA in Communications, MA in Communications with the Human Performance and training Sequence, BA in Criminal Justice, BA in Social Sciences, and MA in

Political and Justice Studies. UCC has recommended approval of the program reviews. The committee is currently working on the 2005-06 catalog.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (Kasik)

Kasik reported that the Faculty Advisory Committee met April 23. Highlights of the meeting included talks by John Fritchey (D -11th district), Ken Dunckin (D - 5th district), and Gary Alexander (IBHE). Kasik shared a letter sent to all state legislators from Allan Karnes, Chair of the FAC. She encouraged the Senate to invite legislators to Senate meetings to help them become familiar with higher education issues. She said most legislators are not aware of the severe effects recent budget cuts and recessions are having on higher education. Kasik urged Senators to look up the Delaware Study on the web for a study on instructional costs and productivity (<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/2003161.pdf>).

Meeting called to order with quorum.

Dimitroff called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee *continued*

A Senator brought up the issue of grants asking for packaged academic programs. How does this affect basic skills & general education requirements, unpaid student teaching, and alternate certification? Are exceptions allowed? Similar questions were raised with online courses which are generally unregulated. Klomes motioned that the Provost and the Professional Education Unit investigate the issue of designing programs for funding initiatives. Kasik seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Educational Policies Committee (Blobaum)

Blobaum reported that EPC was planning a retreat on May 26th for committee work (review Policies 53 and 39 and Interim Policies 55, 54, and 34) and to plan for next year's agenda. He noted that several interim policies exist which the committee plans to review.

Academic Program Review Committee (Lingamneni)

No report.

University Assessment Committee (Wojcik)

No report

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Bargaining Unit (Katz)

Katz reported that UPI is working on new bylaws which will include the formal recognition of a VP for ASPs and a VP for lecturers. She said the new bylaws will enhance communication between the different subgroups within the union and address the issue of representing the growing number of lecturers. The draft will be ready for faculty vote in September. The question of visiting professors is still open. Katz reported that Lydia Morrow Ruetten has resigned as Grievance Officer and will be replaced by Bill Wilkinson. Next year, faculty will be moving to

rank. Human Resources maintains that faculty must opt to be paid over a 12 month period opposed to the 10 month period if members want to be covered for health insurance the entire year. Several Senators challenged this. Katz will investigate if 12 months of health insurance premiums can be covered within a 10 month period.

Approval of Minutes

With the correction (under **IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee**, last sentence changed to "Chung was thanked for the good work in developing the maintaining the *Senate* web site.), Lyon moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2004 meeting. Garrett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Kasik moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2004 meeting. Tymkow seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Committee (Dimitroff)

No report.

Old Business

Faculty Senate Nominations

Following the most recent petitions, 2 run-offs are required: Lingamneni and Winicki for the APRC At Large position and Diers and Winicki for the EPC At Large position. Several vacancies still remain on the Faculty Senate and Committees. A Senator asked that the current Senate Membership List be distributed to senators. Lyon agreed to ask the Provost Office to distribute the list. Discussion followed on Unit B members serving on committees. The current bylaws do not permit this. Following discussion, Kasik motioned that the Governance Committee investigate changing the bylaws to allow a percentage of lecturers to serve on the Senate. Heino seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Heino moved that the empty slots be declared vacant. Lyon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A Senator reminded members that chairs of committees must be senators. Lyon will ask the Provost office to notify the B-unit faculty member that she is not eligible to serve on a senate committee at this time

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.